

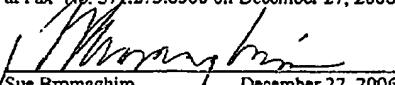
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2006, to which a reply is due November 28, 2006. An appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this document.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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